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AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

AMEMBASSY LONDON

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AMEMBASSY MANAMA

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AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI

AMEMBASSY TUNIS
USMISSION USUN NEW YORK
USINT BAGHDAD BY POUCH
AMEMBASSY SANAA BY POUCH

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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING

FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING IS PARTIAL
EXCERPT FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING
AUGUST 6, 1973:

QUOTE: I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY A COUPLE OF WORDS AT THE
OUTSET WITH RESPECT TO THIS INCIDENT IN ATHENS OVER THE
WEEKEND, WHICH WAS CLEARLY A DELIBERATE ARMED ATTACK
AGAINST INNOCENT PEOPLE BY TERRORISTS.

IN OUR VIEW, IT WAS A DESPICABLE ACTION, WHICH
WARRANTS THE STRONGEST CONDEMNATION BY THE WORLD
COMMUNITY. IT WAS ALSO A GRIM REMINDER OF WHY THE INTER-
NATIONAL COMMUNITY MUST PRESS RAPIDLY FOR MORE EFFECTIVE
WAYS TO PREVENT SUCH OUTRAGES.

OUR DEEP SYMPATHY GOES OUT TO THE FAMILIES OF THOSE
KILLED AND INJURED. BY OUR ACCOUNTING OF IT, THE TWO
AMERICANS KILLED WERE ELBERT KERSON OF UNION, NEW JERSEY,
AND JEAN SALAMDIS, WHOSE ADDRESS IS NOT YET KNOWN TO US.

ACCORDING TO THE MOST RECENT REPORTING AVAILABLE TO
US FROM THE EMBASSY IN ATHENS, APPROXIMATELY 33 AMERICANS

WERE WOUNDED IN THE INCIDENT. I AM TOLD WE WILL NOT BE IN
A POSITION TO GIVE NAMES AND ADDRESSES UNTIL RELATIVES
HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED.

TO THAT I MIGHT ADD THAT THE GREEK GOVERNMENT IS
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INVESTIGATING THE INCIDENT, AND WE, LIKE OTHER GOVERNMENTS,
ARE AWAITING THE RESULTS OF THEIR INQUIRY. ROGERS

NOTE BY OC/T: POUCHED BAGHDAD AND SANAA.

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